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SUBJ: MENGISTU INSPECTS MILITIA TRAINEES

1. AS TUNE-UP FOR EXPECTED MAMMOTH TROOPING OF COLORS OF PEOPLE'S MILITIA UNITS IN REVOLUTION SQUARE NEXT WEEK, PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM CONDUCTED INSPECTED TOUR OF MILITIA ACTIVITIES AT LARGE TATEK MEDA TRAINING CAMP OUTSIDE OF ADDIS JUNE 17.

2. DURING RATHER MODERATE, PATRIOTIC SPEECH TO MASSED TRAINEES, MENGISTU EXHORTED THEM TO VALOROUS DEEDS IN FORTHCOMING "WAR", WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS DECISIVE STEP IN ACHIEVEMENT OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION. HE EXPLAINED THAT WHILE PROLETARIANS OF WORLD DO NOT CHERISH WAR, FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS, AND SAFEGUARDING INTEGRITY OF MOTHERLAND AGAINST INVADERS CONSTITUTES PROGRESSIVE, JUST, AND PROUD WAR, WHICH FRIENDS OF WORLD PEACE AND THINKERS CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS COULD SUPPORT AND EMBRACE.

3. MENGISTU CONCENTRATED HIS DEFINITION OF ENEMEY UPON DOMESTIC FOES, EPRP, EDU, AND ELF, WITH ONLY FEW SIDESWIPES AGAINST "REACTIONARY FORCES OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND INTERNATIONAL IMPERIAL-
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ISM" (WITHOUT NAMING NAMES). HE PREDICTED MASSIVE PERFORMANCE OF "RED POWER" AND CONGRATULATED MILITIA FOR RESPONDING SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO CALL TO DEFEND MOTHERLAND.

4. PRESS ACCOUNTS CLAIMED THAT 300,000 TRAINEES WERE ASSEMBLED TO HEAR MENGISTU'S SPEECH, A FIGURE THAT SEEMS WAY OUT OF LINE TO US, SINCE CAPACITY OF TATEK MEDA CAMP BELIEVED NOT TO EXCEED 100,000.

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